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Invention: GROUSER SHOE AND FABRICATION METHOD

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Dear Commissioner:

On March 19, 2004 the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issued an Office Action in the above-entitled application.

Applicant responds as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 1 (first amendment). A grouser shoe for a tracked vehicle, the grouser shoe having a pad and a bar with a center and an end,

the shoe comprising the bar being of uniform thickness and being integral with the pad, the bar extending upwardly off of the pad to form the primary ground engaging drive connection for the shoe,

the center of the bar having a center straight section with a center axis,



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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: RASMUSSEN, R.

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For: GROUSER SHOE AND FABRICATION METHOD

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

**STATUS**

2. Applicant is

☒ a small entity. A verified statement:

☐ is attached.

☒ was already filed.

☐ other than a small entity.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION (37 CFR 1.8a)**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, being:

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### EXTENSION OF TERM

**NOTE:** "Extension of Time in Patent Cases (Supplement Amendments) — If a timely and complete response has been filed after a Non-Final Office Action, an extension of time is not required to permit filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period.

*If a timely response has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension of time is required to permit filing and/or entry of a Notice of Appeal or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period unless the timely-filed response placed the application in condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run." Notice of December 10, 1985 (1061 O.G. 34-35).*

**NOTE:** See 37 CFR 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings, and 37 CFR 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) ☒ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136  
(fees: 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 380.00	\$190.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 900.00	\$450.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,400.00	\$700.00

Fee \$ 475.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- ☐ An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ 475.00

OR

- (b) ☐ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

## FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 CFR 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY			
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE	OR	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	* 52	MINUS ** 53	=	X 9.00 = \$ .00	X 18.00 = \$			
INDEP.	* 31	MINUS *** 26	= 5	X 40.00 = \$ 215	X 80.00 = \$			
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				135.00 = \$	270.00 = \$			
				TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$ 215	OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$

- \* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
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  - \*\*\* If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3".
- The "Highest No. Previously Paid For" (Total or indep.) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

**WARNING:** "After final rejection or action (§ 1.113) amendments may be made cancelling claims or complying with any requirement of form which has been made." 37 CFR § 1.116(a) (emphasis added).

(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

(c) ☐ No additional fee for claims is required.

**OR**

(d) ☒ Total additional fee for claims required \$ 215.00

## FEE PAYMENT

5. ☒ Attached is a check in the sum of \$ 690.00

☐ Charge Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ the sum  
of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

## FEE DEFICIENCY

NOTE: If there is a fee deficiency and there is no authorization to charge an account, additional fees are necessary to cover the additional time consumed in making up the original deficiency. If the maximum, six-month period has expired before the deficiency is noted and corrected, the application is held abandoned. In those instances where authorization to charge is included, processing delays are encountered in returning the papers to the PTO Finance Branch in order to apply these charges prior to action on the cases. Authorization to charge the deposit account for any fee deficiency should be checked. See the Notice of April 7, 1986, (1065 O.G. 31-33).

6. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 12-1347.

## AND/OR

- ☒ If any additional fee for claims is required, charge  
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